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Mr. Dion Novak  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region V  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
HSRL-6J  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Subject: Enviro-Chem Superfund Site  
Monthly Progress Report Number 14  
September 15, 1994 through October 14, 1994

Dear Mr. Novak:

Enclosed is the subject progress report. A copy of the report has been submitted to Mr. Jim Smith at IDEM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark J. Dowiak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark J. Dowiak  
Project Manager

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Enclosure

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## Memorandum

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**TO:** T. Likins, IDEM  
D. Novak, U.S. EPA

**DATE:** October 14, 1994

**FROM:** Mark J. Dowiak, P.E., Project Manager

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This Monthly Progress Report has been prepared in accordance with Section XII of the Consent Decree entered September 10, 1991, Number 83-1419 C, U.S.D.C. District of Indiana.

### Activities

A site inspection was conducted by QEM on September 10, 1994. This inspection was conducted within the reporting period for Monthly Progress Report Number 13, however, since the inspection was conducted on a weekend during the end of the reporting period, the information was not available for the report. A portion of the security fence near the southwest gate has been damaged, apparently as a result of activities in the adjacent Parcel 45. The Parcel 45 diversion channel culvert at the north gate was clogged with debris and soil, which causes water to backup in the channel. The Parcel 45 south diversion channel and the Support Zone diversion channels remain open and functional. The Trustees have authorized QEM to perform the necessary repairs to the security fence and cleanup the diversion channel debris. This work is planned for mid to late October 1994.

The drum inventory was performed from September 26 through 30, 1994. A total of 268 drums were counted and 15 drums were sampled for compatibility testing. An additional 35 empty drums were found. Drum contents were primarily drill cuttings, well purge and decon waters and nonhazardous solid waste.

A project meeting was held on September 29, 1994 at the U.S. EPA Region V offices. The purpose of the meeting was to review outstanding project issues with the new U.S. EPA RPM/OSC for the site. These issues included U.S. EPA's preliminary comments on the "nine new compounds" and the Support Zone Investigations. U.S. EPA requested that on October 14, 1994 the Trustees submit a schedule for the Revised Response Action (RRA) design

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and construction, a letter summarizing the basis of the western remedial boundary and a letter with respect to the nine compounds. U.S. EPA indicated that they will provide preliminary comments on the Preliminary Design (30 percent) and the Support Zone Investigation via a conference call with the Trustees in mid-October.

On October 14, 1994, the Trustees submitted the materials requested by U.S. EPA.

**Activities to be Conducted from October 15 through November 13, 1994**

U.S. EPA comments on the Preliminary Design (30 percent) and the Support Zone Investigation Field Sampling Plan are expected on or about October 21, 1994.

The Drum Removal Plan, with the drum inventory report, will be submitted to U.S. EPA on October 21, 1994.

Site repair work (as noted above) and a site inspection will be conducted by QEM in mid-October.

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